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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I have been following the Microsoft antitrust settlement since it entered the federal courts three years ago. I do not believe suit should have been brought against Microsoft to begin with, and perhaps the settlement is too harsh with Microsoft, but in the interest of wrapping up the case, I believe the settlement should stand and the Justice Department should move on. I cannot fathom why half of the plaintiff states in this case wish to continue litigation against the Microsoft Corporation unless their ultimate goal is to bring about the destruction of Microsoft itself.

There is nothing I see in the settlement that is unfair to the plaintiffs. Microsoft has, in fact, agreed to terms in the settlement that cover issues not on trial in the antitrust suit, solely in the interest of closing the case. Among other things, Microsoft has agreed to provide a party acting under the terms of the agreement with a license to pertinent intellectual property rights to prevent infringement. Moreover, Microsoft has agreed to license the Windows operating system to twenty of the largest computer makers on identical terms and conditions, including price.

Mr. Ashcroft, I urge you not to allow this to go on any longer. No more action needs to be taken at the federal level. The settlement should stand.

Sincerely,

William Bogart

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